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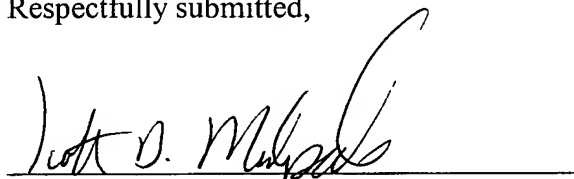
The subject Amendment is being filed to cancel previously-allowed claims.

In that regard, Claims 8, 9 and 12-16 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. The allowed claims are therefore Claims 7, 10, 11 and 17.

Consideration and entry of the subject Amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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